



## Quotes Compiled After Stage 5 of the Amgen Tour of California and Stage 1 of the Amgen Tour of California Women's Race empowered with SRAM

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**Ivan Cortina, BAHRAIN – MERIDA, Stage Winner** – “It’s amazing. The team had full confidence in me, and they pulled full gas in the last 50K, and I just was thinking about ‘if I just give 200 percent in the victory finally, I can get it.’”

(On the headwind heading into the finish) – “In the final it was pretty much a headwind. Once I get focused it seems like I always make mistakes, like maybe I start with 300 meters to go, or 200 meters....today I really concentrated and started as late as possible, and I saw like 200 meters to go, just take the wheel, and by 100 meters I went full gas.”

**Matteo Badilatti, Israel Cycling Academy, winner *Breakaway from Cancer*® Most Courageous Rider Jersey** – “It was one of the fastest starts in my career so far. It went really fast, and then on the climb we went into the breakaway again and then we got caught before the last man.”

**Tejay van Garderen, EF Education First, Race Leader** – “It was really windy for us as well. First 50k breakaway didn’t go, and we were getting battered by crosswinds. It was a super fast, super hard start, but my teammates did a fantastic job to finally get a group up the road. We had to pretty much start chasing immediately, and it was just a really fast day. I think we averaged 47K an hour or something. Over that kind of terrain is not easy to do. We survived okay, the team rode amazing, kept me out of trouble, kept me safe, kept the breakaway in check, and able to survive another day.”

(On the team’s feeling on Mt. Baldy tomorrow and his body after yesterday’s crash) – “My body held up pretty good today. I was most worried about my wrist, it was really swelling up last night, but a little tape and a little Tylenol, and it’s good to go. The feeling in the team, the mood is really good. We have three riders in the race still with the potential to win on Baldy, so we’re super confident that we have the strongest team here. I think in our mind we’re still playing for the victory.”

**Lindsay Goldman, Hagens Berman | Supermint winner *Breakaway from Heart Disease™* Most Courageous Rider Jersey** – “Definitely a very windy day, that set the tone for what all the women were expecting. We anticipated that it would be a challenging day. We were all fired up for the peloton to split, and from the beginning my team’s plan was to be really attentive early on and look for opportunities to go up the road and potentially pick up QOM points. At probably about 15K in I saw an opportunity to counter one of my teammate’s moves and go off the front solo, and was off the front solo for the first three QOMs.”

**Anna van der Breggen, Boels Dolmans Cycling Team** – “There was a beautiful climb 5k’s from the finish so it was a good moment to go and try to see if I could go solo to the finish line. It was up to us on that final climb to try something...I’m really happy for the team and for myself to take the stage win and to have a good start on this stage race.”